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SUBJ: ALLEGED CIA INVOLVEMENT IN AUSTRALIA

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1. ON MAY 24, OPPOSITION LEADER GOUGH WHITLAM STRONGLY ATTACKED PRIME MINISTER FRASER'S STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT ON CIA ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA (REFTEL). BRANDING THE PM'S STATEMENT AS "WORTHLESS", WHITLAM CLAIMED THAT FRASER HAD SHIRKED THE REAL ISSUE OF WHETHER AUSTRALIA WAS PREPARED TO TOLERATE INTERFERENCE BY AGENTS OF A FOREIGN POWER. WHITLAM'S REMARKS WERE LARGELY A REHASH OF ALLEGATIONS BY CHRISTOPHER BOYCE, AGEE AND MARCHETTI. WHITLAM ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO ONCE AGAIN RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF CIA INTERFERENCE IN AUSTRALIA IN 1975 ELECTIONS CITING A MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON TO ASIO IN NOVEMBER 1975 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING WHITLAM'S DISMISSAL BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

2. FULL TEXT OF WHITLAM'S STATEMENT POUCHED EA/ANP.

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